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SUBJ: KENYA FOREIGN MINISTER SPEAKS ON

U.S.- KENYAN RELATIONS

1. IN SPEECH READ ON HIS BEHALF BY AMBASSADOR J.K. ILAKO OF FOREIGN OFFICE ON MARCH 20 BEFORE AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN'S CLUB, FOREIGN MINISTER MUNUA WAIYAKI ONCE AGAIN REPROVED UNITED STATES FOR NOT TAKING AFRICA SERIOUSLY ENOUGH IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, OR EVEN STRATEGIC MATTERS. SPEECH WAS APPARENTLY RE-RUN OF WAIYAKI REMARKS AT AFRO-AMERICAN INSTITUTE CONFERENCE IN KINSHASA.

2. WAIYAKI SAID THAT EXPCEPT FOR EVIDENT U.S. INVESTMENT INTEREST IN SOUTH AFRICA, UNITED STATES HAD MADE OF AFRICA A ZONE OF NEGLECT, A ZONE OF NO CONSEQUENCE. HE SAID THAT NOT ONLY IS U.S. TRADE-INVESTMENT INTEREST SMALL BUT UNITED STATES IS SURPRISINGLY INSENSITIVE TO AFRICAN APPEALS FOR GREATER COOPERATION IN FIGHT AGAINST INJUSTICE IN ALL FIELDS IN AFRICA.

3. THOUGH MINISTER CRITICIZED U.S. NEGLECT TOWARD AFRICA IN GENERAL, HE WAS CAREFUL TO PRAISE CONTRIBUTION

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OF U.S. FIRMS ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN KENYA. MOREOVER, HE SAID

HE FERVENTLY HOPED FOR MORE SUCH INVESTMENT AND PROMISED AN OPTIMUM CLIMATE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT UNITED STATES HAD BOLSTERED KENYA WITH QUOTE GREAT UNQUOTE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WHICH EMPHASIZED RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN LINE WITH U.S. CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE AND KENYA'S NEEDS.

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